

COUNCIL MINUTES
TIGARD CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 8, 2003

Council President Dirksen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Council Present: Council President Dirksen and Councilors Moore, Sherwood, and Wilson

- **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The Tigard City Council went into Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. to discuss pending litigation under ORS 192.660(1h).

Executive Session concluded at 6:54 p.m.

- **STUDY SESSION**
 - Insurance 101

Risk Manager Loreen Mills and Agent of Record Ron Cutter from JBL&K Risk Services presented information for "Insurance 101." The presentation included a short briefing highlighting the City's process for procuring insurance coverage and an insurance market update. The current insurance market is very "hard" and purchasing insurance coverage is difficult. Highlights of the presentation (current coverage review and premium history) are contained in a handout distributed to the Council and on file with the City Recorder.

➤ **Administrative Items**

- Consent Agenda Item 4.4 – Atfalati – City Manager reminded Council that attachments were sent to them in the Friday mail packet.
- Consent Agenda Item 4.5. – Staff recommended this item be pulled from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion. A memo was sent to the Council in the Friday mail packet.
- Delinquent Accounts – Council concurred with staff's proposal to change to collection methods on delinquent accounts (included in the March 21, 2003, Council newsletter). Staff will authorize the collection agent to report delinquent accounts to credit bureaus.
- Shining Stars Banquet – May 2, 2003, 6:00 p.m. – Greenwood Inn (Councilors Sherwood and Dirksen indicated they are attending).
- City Manager's review. Information was sent to the City Council in the Friday mail packet. Council briefly discussed this item. The Council will hold a discussion at next week's meeting about how to conduct this year's review if time permits and if the Mayor is in attendance. City Manager said there are no time constraints as this is year two of a four-year contract.

- Alberta Rider property – annexation. Information was distributed to Council regarding a question by the Tigard-Tualatin School District Board about whether the Alberta Rider School property, if annexed, would create an island. It would not. Staff will attend the next Board meeting to answer questions by the Board about potential annexation of this school property.
- Closure of Gaarde Street – Council received an April 8, 2003, memo from City Engineer Gus Duenas with information about why the street was closed to all but local traffic and the rationale for keeping it closed during the next three months.
- Next joint meeting of the Tualatin City Council and the Tigard-Tualatin School District was set for October 6, 2003, 6:30 p.m., at Tigard Water Building.
- Update on meeting on April 7 meeting hosted by Senator Burdick and Representative Williams. City Manager Bill Monahan attended this meeting; most discussion centered on financing issues for education.
- City Manager asked if the Council would like to meet with the Washington County Board of Commissioners on July 15, 2003, or August 19, 2003 (workshop meetings)? Council selected July 15.
- PGE – PUD opposition; clean wind. Information was distributed City Council. This item was discussed briefly. More discussion to be held upon return of the Mayor – possibly at the 4/15/03 Council meeting.

Study Session concluded at 7:32 p.m.

1. BUSINESS MEETING

- 1.1 Council President Dirksen called the City Council & Local Contract Review Board meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.
- 1.2 Roll Call: Council President Dirksen and Councilors Moore, Sherwood, and Wilson
- 1.3 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.4 Council Communications & Liaison Reports: Councilor Sherwood advised she would have a liaison report (See Agenda Item No. 10).
- 1.5 Call to Council and Staff for Non-Agenda Items: None

2. PROCLAMATIONS

- 2.1 Proclaim Days of Remembrance – April 27 – May 4, 2003
- 2.2 Proclaim Be Kind to Animals Week – May 4 – 10, 2003

Council President Dirksen proclaimed Days of Remembrance and Be Kind to Animals Week.

3. VISITOR'S AGENDA (Two Minutes or Less, Please)

- Tigard Area Chamber of Commerce President-Elect Dan Murphy reviewed upcoming Chamber events including the Lunch Forum on April 15, featuring Chief of Police Bill Dickinson and the Shining Stars Banquet on May 2. Former

Tigard Police Chief Ron Goodpaster will be honored at the Shining Stars Banquet as Tigard's First Citizen.

- Ms. Juliet Cai, 16820 SW Whitley Way, Beaverton, OR 97006 and Mr. Hongyu Zhao, 15237 SW 98th Avenue, Tigard, OR 97224, addressed the Council on Falun Dafa, which is a practice for living by cultivating one's heart, body, and mind. Council members received a publication about Falun Dafa. Mr. Hongyu Zhao, a Tigard resident noted that in China Falun Dafa practitioners, including his family members are being persecuted in China.
 - Mr. Mark Mahon encouraged the Council to work to retain the Tigard Festival of Balloons and referred to its importance as a community event. Mr. Mahon also reminded the Council and audience that many members of the Tigard community have been called up to serve in the war in Iraq and that their service should be acknowledged.
4. CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Councilor Moore, seconded by Councilor Sherwood, to adopt the Consent Agenda, with the exception of Item No. 4.5, which was pulled for separate discussion.
- 4.1 Approve Council Minutes: March 11, 2003
 - 4.2 Receive and File:
 - a. Council Calendar
 - b. Tentative Agenda
 - 4.3 Appoint Steve Varga to the Tree Board and Appoint Ron Callan and Jan Gillis as First and Second Alternates, Respectively, to the Tree Board - Resolution No. 03-____
 - 4.4 Approve Atfalati Recreation District Repayment Schedule and Concession Stand Operation
 - ~~4.5 Initiate Vacation Proceedings for SW Mapleleaf Street and Unnamed Strip of Right of Way (VAC 2002-00002) – Resolution No. 03-____~~ This item was discussed separately – see below.

The motion to approve the Consent Agenda, less Item No. 4.5, was approved by a unanimous vote of Council present:

Councilor President Dirksen	-	Yes
Councilor Moore	-	Yes
Councilor Sherwood	-	Yes
Councilor Wilson	-	Yes

Separate discussion was then conducted on the following item:

4.5 Initiate Vacation Proceedings for SW Mapleleaf Street and Unnamed Strip of Right of Way (VAC 2002-00002)

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion because two options were presented for Council consideration. Community Development Director Jim Hendryx reported that the School District is asking the City Council to initiate vacation proceedings to vacate 26,258 square feet of SW Mapleleaf Street and approximately 9,716 square foot portion of right of way formerly known as SW Oak Way. The vacation request relates to the reconstruction of Metzger Elementary School. Council also received an April 2, 2003, memo from Mathew Scheidegger further explaining the vacation request and also the purpose and mechanics of the vacation process. After discussion, Council adopted the resolution (No. 03-13) labeled "Attachment 2" in their packet materials. This resolution initiated the vacation process as requested by the School District and a public hearing will be heard on the vacation at the May 27, 2003, City Council meeting.

Motion by Councilor Sherwood, seconded by Councilor Willson, to adopt Resolution No. 03-13, shown as "Attachment 2" in the materials distributed to the City Council.

The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of Council present:

Councilor President Dirksen	-	Yes
Councilor Moore	-	Yes
Councilor Sherwood	-	Yes
Councilor Wilson	-	Yes

5. DISCUSSION WITH STATE SENATOR GINNY BURDICK AND STATE REPRESENTATIVE MAX WILLIAMS

Senator Burdick was present; Representative Williams did not attend.

Senator Burdick said there is a \$2 billion shortfall in the State's budget, which will mean bad news for practically everyone. Highlights of her discussion included:

- The legislature is committed to do the best they can within their limited resources.

- She spoke to the message conveyed to the legislature by the majority of voters who did not support Measure 28.
- She noted the Public Employee Retirement System (PERS) issues. Reform is in order and it's a crisis that needs a solution.
- She referred to Mayor Griffith's support in her pedestrian safety bill to require vehicles to stop when pedestrians are in crosswalks.
- She said she is frustrated that education is not being funded adequately but added that education funding is better than that for other programs. There was discussion on local option levies, which Senator Burdick said would require a Constitutional amendment. She said she would vote for anything that would help education; however, she cautioned that the local option levy might run contrary to the school equalization requirements to be applied to schools throughout the state.
- She advised she thought the "kicker" rebate to taxpayers when times are good was not a good idea. These dollars could be saved for use when the economy isn't as strong.

6. UPDATE ON NEW LIBRARY

Library Director Barnes updated the Council on the progress on the new library. A groundbreaking ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 17, at 10 a.m. The Friends of the Library have successfully raised funds for the past few years, which they are saving for the new library.

7. ANNUAL VOLUNTEER REPORT

Volunteer Coordinators Susan Koepping and Trish Stormont presented the annual volunteer report. Volunteers work in all City departments, generously contributing time, energy, skills, and experience. Sandra Thorne (Library), Jim Wolf (Police), and Craig Prosser (Finance) were present and related their experiences and the valuable contributions made by volunteers in their departments.

8. DISCUSSION ON STRATEGIC FINANCIAL PLAN

After hearing a brief staff report from Finance Director Prosser, a motion was made by Councilor Moore, seconded by Councilor Sherwood, to adopt the Strategic Financial Plan Report.

The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of Council present:

Councilor President Dirksen	-	Yes
Councilor Moore	-	Yes
Councilor Sherwood	-	Yes
Councilor Wilson	-	Yes

A copy of the Strategic Financial Plan is on file in the City Recorder's office.

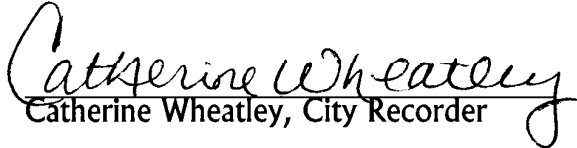
9. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

Council Sherwood noted that Commissioner Roy Rogers advised her that Tigard does not have any projects submitted for the State Economic Development Projects list. City Manager Monahan responded that because of the requirements needed to submit projects for the list coupled with the fact that there is no funding available, staff decided not to submit any projects. Councilor Sherwood suggested that the City may want to consider submitting projects in the future.


10. NON AGENDA ITEMS: None

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Not held

12. ADJOURNMENT: 9:13 p.m.


Catherine Wheatley, City Recorder

Attest:


Mayor, City of Tigard
Date: May 13, 2003

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